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IDEA 20th Anniversary Annual Conference

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Celebrating our journey, charting our future

Wednesday 04 September 2024
Richmond Barracks, Dublin 8

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AGENDA

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9.30am	**Registration,** Tea & Coffee
10.00am	**Welcome:** Elaine Mahon, Acting Director, IDEA
10.10am	**Keynote address: '***What Difference Does Global Education Make? Reflections to mark 20 years of IDEA and on Future Directions*' including Q&A (Dr. Eilish Dillon, Department of International Development, Maynooth University)
11.00am	**Tea & Coffee Break**
11.20am	**Panel Session:** '*Current Context and considerations for the future of GCE*' including Q&A
12.40pm	**Conversation Circles:** including panellists and other speakers
1.30pm	**Lunch** in Gymnasium (main hall)
2.30pm	**Workshop Sessions:** '*Charting the future of GCE*'
4.30pm	**Closing Ceremony:** '*20 ideas for the next 20 years*' — feedback from the workshops
5.00pm	**Evening Reception** including musical performance by Kate O'Callaghan

IRISH SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS: Orla MacCabe, Sarah Garvey

WELCOME to the **IDEA** 20th Anniversary Conference

Conversation Circle Leaders 12.40pm

1. **Hilary Darcy and Thomas McDonagh**, Financial Justice Ireland.
2. **Tony Daly**, 80:20, Educating and Acting for a Better World.
3. **Mohammad Naeem**, activist.
4. **Dr. Lilian Nwanze-Akobo**, Maynooth University.
5. **Dr. Eilish Dillion**, Maynooth University.
6. **Sarah Kelleher**, Lourdes Youth & Community Services.
7. **Pierre Yimbog**, activist and entrepreneur.

Workshop & Facilitators 2.30pm

1. ***'The network we want: How IDEA members work together'*** Mark Cumming, GCE Consultant.
2. ***'Envisioning the future of GCE through creative methodologies'*** Vicky Donnelly, GCE Facilitator.
3. ***'Racial Justice'*** Browyn April, Freelance trainer and Mdahyelya Bassi, Freelance trainer.
4. ***'A Guiding Principles approach to laying the foundation for GCE'.*** Laura Power, WorldWise Global Schools.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Eilish Dillon

Assistant Professor, Department of International Development, Maynooth University

Dr. Eilish Dillon is an Assistant Professor at the Maynooth University Department of International Development, where she teaches at postgraduate and undergraduate levels on different aspects of critical development theory and practice. Eilish has been actively engaged in global and development education in Ireland for over 30 years. She has been a regular contributor to civil society global development and education projects during this time through work with and membership of organisations such as Comhlámh, Amnesty International, Banúlacht and the Irish Development Education Association (IDEA).

She completed doctoral research in adult and higher education in 2017 and has published widely on global and development education and on ethical communications in global development. She has recently co-edited a book, 'Global Education in Ireland: Critical Histories and Future Directions', due to be published by Bloomsbury Press in October 2024.



PANELLIST

Sarah Kelleher

CEO, Lourdes Youth & Community Services (LYCS)

Sarah Kelleher has worked as CEO of LYCS in Dublin's north east inner city for over 20 years. With a background in youth work and community development, Sarah has vast experience of working in inner city communities both in Ireland and in the UK.

Sarah has recently gained a 1st Class Honours in M.A. in Management: Community & Voluntary Services with Dublin City University. She has a special interest in policy development and measuring qualitative outcomes of programmes delivered to hard-to-reach communities. She has also served as a board member of a number of local and national voluntary organisations and statutory agencies.



PANELLIST

Mohammad Naeem

Activist & Former UN Youth Delegate for Ireland

At 19 years old Mohammad already has an established record in activism, having served as chairperson of Mayo Comhairle na nÓg and was the youngest person to sit on a county council committee when he joined the Mayo County Council sub-committee on Climate and Biodiversity in 2021. In September 2023 Mohammad was announced as the UN Youth Delegate for Ireland, the youngest to be selected in Ireland and globally.

More recently Mohammad was appointed by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to the Advisory Group on Anti Racism as an independent expert.

Mohammad is currently on a gap year having completed his Leaving Certificate in 2023.



PANELLIST

Dr. Lilian Nwanze-Akobo

Director of the Higher Diploma in Further Education, Maynooth University

Dr. Lilian Nwanze- Akobo has a PhD in Adult and Community Education and is a Director of the Higher Diploma in Further Education (HDFE) Programme in Maynooth University. Lilian uses her professional, academic and lived experiences to contribute to adult and community education in Ireland and is particularly passionate about making classrooms more inclusive for people 'on the margins'.

Lilian's PhD research explored the lived experiences of black women in adult education in Ireland and proposed a racially and culturally responsive pedagogy for use in Ireland. This pedagogy has already started to be implemented in learning spaces across the country.

Lilian serves as a Director on the Board of AONTAS and has also been appointed to the Higher Education Authority (HEA) Anti-Racism Advisory Group.



PANELLIST

Niall Tierney

Director, Global Programmes and Global Citizenship Education Unit, Irish Aid, Department of Foreign Affairs

Niall Tierney has been the Director of the Global Programmes Unit within Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs since September 2023. That unit supports Ireland's cooperation programming in South-East Asia, Central America, Colombia, Small Island Developing States, Palestine and Jordan, as well as the Ireland Fellowship Programme and the Global Citizenship Education programme.

Previously, Niall was seconded to the UN Resident Coordinator Office in Mozambique in support of the national responses to the Covid19 pandemic and conflict in northern Mozambique. He also served as Head of Cooperation to Mozambique; Deputy Head of Cooperation to Ethiopia and was Ireland's negotiator to the SDGs 2013–2015. Prior to joining the Department of Foreign Affairs in 2013, Niall served as Country Director and in other roles for Concern Worldwide in West and Southern African Countries for 13 years. He holds an MSc in Economics and an MSc in Development Studies.



PANEL MODERATOR

Pierre Yimbog

Co-founder and Managing Director of Black and Irish.
Company Secretary, IDEA.

Pierre is Co-founder and Managing Director of Black and Irish and Co-founder & CEO of his travel start up SoloBook. Pierre has a Bachelor of Law from DIT, a Diploma in Technology and Intellectual Property Law from the Law Society and is currently undertaking a Masters in Corporate Governance at the University of Law. He has previously worked for Engineers Ireland as Community Engagement Executive.

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